

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 8, 2005

MINUTES

1. Called to order at 8:35 am by Marilyn Wilkinson.
2. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda
3. Approval of March 11, 2005 Minutes
 - Approval of March minutes.MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH MINUTES – DOUG GOAD, 2ND PAUL DAVIS
ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-1
4. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jason Hemmens
 - On Tuesday, May 24, 2005 we will be having our Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG) Fair at San Dieguito Park. There will be two sessions at 9:00 – 11:00 am or 1:00 – 3:00 pm. This is just an event where all of the departments of our group get together and see what each other is doing. There will be booths, etc to showcase each department.
 - On Friday, April 15th at 3:30 pm we are going to have the Finney Overlook Groundbreaking.
 - Just a reminder that Saturday, June 4th is National Trails Day and we will be holding events at Los Penasquitos Canyon.
5. ACTION ITEMS
 - Sunset Review, County Code of Administrative Ordinances
 - ♦ Every ten years each of the committees and codes has a sunset review and this is the year for the Parks Advisory Committee.
 - ♦ This is to look at what this committee is doing and would like to do and if you would like to continue to be a committee.
 - ♦ I would like to say that we as a department would like for you to continue and hope that you feel the same, but please feel free to make any comments.
 - ♦ Most of the beginning of the ordinance is the nuts and bolts, which more than likely would not be changed. For example, that each Board member appoints 2 committee members, terms of office, etc.
 - ♦ The focus of this group I think would be Sec. 287.8 Duties and Responsibilities.
 - ♦ I would suggest making a change to (2) Sec. 287.8 changing the word acquisition to plans.
 - Doug Goad – I agree with that completely because this is an advisory committee and it's not our place to get involved in the day-to-day activity and procedures.
 - Rick Landavazo – I think that concept plans are great and that we are here to speak for the communities and the needs of our communities. I think that we need to be kept part of the planning process
 - Roger Utt – I would suggest making a change to (3) under Sec. 287.8 to "parks, parks design and development"

- Rick Landavazo – Another change to (3) Sec. 287.8 to add the word “needs” between program and budgetary.
- Rod Groenewold – I think that there should be a change to Sec. 287.6 Establishment of Subcommittees that states that there when a subcommittee is being selected the representative that is in the district of the project and they should be given preference.
- ◆ This is something that has been discussed and it would not be recommended to add this to the actual ordinance, but to make it a policy.
 - Rick Landavazo – I think that Rod makes a valid point and this is something that we should do, but I don’t want this committee to not have a representative on a committee because the appropriate district representative is not available.
- ◆ I will put something in writing that states that any sub or ad hoc committees that need to be formed will be brought to a public meeting of this committee and the committee will vote on who should be the representative for the committee.
 - Doug Goad – I think that it is important for this committee to be out there and have members present at meetings, even if it’s not authorized by the committee and then vote on a representative later.
 - Rod Groenewold – I still think that it is important to have members from the supervisorial district representing the parks advisory committee on projects in that district.
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – I think it is important for the committee to remember that even though we are appointed by a specific Board member we are representatives of the County as a whole and represent the entire county.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGES AS SUGGESTED ABOVE FOR SEC. 287.8 – Rick Landavazo, 2ND Doug Goad
ALL IN FAVOR – 6-1-0

- ◆ When we are suggesting items for the agenda, they should be related to parks and recreation and how it functions.
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – I think that we need to remember when we are suggesting agenda items they should be related to parks, programs, recreation and budgetary issues. Items such as the protection of the ozone layer, sea turtles, etc are not something that we can do anything about and does not affect parks and recreation, so is probably not an appropriate topic for discussion at these meetings.
 - Doug Goad – I agree with the fact that we should keep our discussions related and focused to the topic at hand, so that we do not lose focus on the topic.
- LWCF Funding Campaign
 - ◆ Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has been zeroed out by President Bush’s budget and there is a campaign out there to save the funds.
 - ◆ The American’s for Heritage and Recreation is an organization that is trying to campaign to fix LWCF. There is a hotline that you can call to say how you have been affected by the projects that have been funded by LWCF funds.
 - Rick Landavazo – What are the funds going to?
 - ◆ There is nothing that we can specifically say the money is going to, it is just going to the general fund to help balance the budget.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Alpine Ballfields – Matt Bohan
 - ◆ We currently do not operate any community parks (active recreation) in Alpine and the community has expressed their support and need to have an active recreation park.
 - ◆ We have been working with the planning group and subcommittee out there and have been trying to identify sites that would be suitable for this type of park. The first part of this process came back with no sites that would be useable for this, so we started again and are closing the review on an additional 6 sites that the planning group and subcommittee is looking at.
 - ◆ We have made sure that these easements would have public access.
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – Is the Back Country Land Trust (BCLT) involved with this at all?
 - ◆ The BCLT has been involved in the meetings for this, but their focus is not for this because they do not support active recreation sites.
 - Roger Utt – Have you looked into cooperatives with the local schools?
 - ◆ Yes, for the past 20 years we have worked with many of the schools in the area and have actually funded ballfields, etc at the schools and community centers, etc. We just do not have anything that we own or operate.
 - Roger Utt – On areas 1, 4, and 6 they are fairly close to the freeway, which is always something to look at for planning.
 - ◆ That is something that we will definitely consider, but we are running into a problem with finding larger parcels of land in the area.
 - John Degenfelder – What is the need for parks in other areas of the county?
 - ◆ If we look at many of the unincorporated areas
- Update on PLDO
 - ◆ What is most important is that when we do take this forward we have the public support and get this passed.
 - ◆ However, this is really bad timing for us because the City of San Diego just came out with this huge increase in their PLDO fees and the Transportation Impact Fees is going to the Board, which is another huge increase in fees for people.
 - ◆ So we are going to lay low for a while, so while it is not dead it is being delayed for a while. I could say that it would probably not move forward at all until next year.
- Wildfire Recovery – Renée Bahl
 - ◆ We are continuing our efforts and we will be having an opening at Hellhole Canyon on May 20th at 11:00 am.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- ◆ Marilyn Wilkinson – the Spring Valley Teen Center will be participating in a Highway 94 beautification project, we will have 10 teens that will be out there and my company has donated t-shirts for them
- ◆ Marilyn Wilkinson – Usually in May or June we start talking about the budget, so I was wondering what is going on with that.

- I'm glad you brought this up I had it on for the next agenda. We do not have a budget for you to look at yet, but when I do I will bring it forward. We also will have the Board hearings in May and June and as always we will need this committees support and representation.
- ◆ The Valley Center Parks and Recreation department is proposing closure of Adams Park because they can't afford it and I would be interested in any tips, comments, help that anyone could give me to try and keep this park open.
- ◆ Paul Davis - On May 21st we are having a garden walk (in Encinitas) and then there will be a wine tasting festival happening in June.
- ◆ John Degenfelder – I would like to find out what is happening with Barnett Ranch.
- ◆ Doug Goad – I got my certificate for my reappointment to this committee, which was very nice. The City of Encinitas is working on an Earth Day event and I will have more information later. The City of Encinitas is working on a proclamation that is going to be given to 10 people (including myself) that have worked on trails in the community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am by Marilyn Wilkinson.

ATTENDEES:

Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2

John Degenfelder, District 2

Doug Goad, District 3

Paul Davis, District 3

Roger Utt, District 4

Rod Groenewold, District 5

Rick Landavazo, District 5

Jason Hemmens, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Renee Bahl, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Matt Bohan, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation